

**METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR VISUALIZING CATEGORIZED
INFORMATION**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Categorized information is presented in a compelling, distilled,
5 pictorial/thematic fashion. Information categories, importance weightings, and
status-determining criteria may be defined by a user. A user's custom-defined
behaviors are used along with a category's current status, time, and location to
present such visual themes. Systems provided by the invention accommodate
the interplay between what a given user has defined as important to other
10 trusted users, vendors, and services, both in location and time-sensitive
environments. Systems provide a customized look and feel (theme) based on
user preferences. Users may, through simple drag-and-drop 'meta-commands',
affect/make changes to such preferences.